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SUBJECT: EC-NINE STATEMENT ON LEBANON

FCO HAS GIVEN US STATEMENT BY EC-NINE FOREIGN MINISTERS
ISSUED EVENING JULY 6 IN BREMEN, AS FOLLOWS:

BEGIN QUOTE:

THE NINE GOVERNMENTS VIEW WITH DEEP CONCERN THE IN-
CREASING GRAVITY AND GROWING DANGERS OF THE SITUATION
IN THE LEBANON. THE RECENT FIGHTING AND SHELLING
HAVE CAUSED SERIOUS LOSSES AMONG THE CIVILIAN POPULATION.

THE NINE GOVERNMENTS URGE ALL THE PARTIES CONCERNED
TO EXERCISE THE MAXIMUM RESTRAINT AS TO BRING THIS
FIGHTING TO AN IMMEDIATE END. IT ENDANGERS NOT ONLY
THE EXISTENCE OF THE LEBANON BUT ALSO THE STABILITY OF
THE REGION AS A WHOLE. THEY RECOGNIZE THE GREAT DIFFI-
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CULTIES THAT CONFRONT PRESIDENT SARKIS. THE OFFICE
OF THE PRESIDENCY IS THE SYMBOL OF THE SOVEREIGNTY AND
UNITY OF THE LEBANON. THEY HOPE THAT THE PRESIDENT AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE LEBANON WILL PERSEVERE IN THEIR
EFFORTS TO RESTORE PEACE AND SECURITY THROUGHOUT THE
WHOLE OF THE LEBANON. THEY EXPRESS THEIR SUPPORT FOR
THESE EFFORTS. THEY ALSO EXPRESS THE HOPE THAT AN

EFFECTIVE CEASE-FIRE WILL BE ACHIEVED. THIS WOULD
GIVE TIME FOR REFLECTION AND NEGOTIATIONS AMONGST ALL
THE PARTIES CONCERNED. MEANWHILE, THEY TRUST THAT NO
ACTIONS WILL BE TAKEN WHICH MIGHT PREJUDICE THE
INTEGRITY OF THE LEBANON. END QUOTE.

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